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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

GERMANY'S PROPOSAL TO BRITAIN.

WANTS TO STRIKE A BARGAIN.

The Naval and Financial Outlooks.

GREAT SPEECHES BY MR. CHURCHILL AND MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

Germany Bargaining.

Feb. 16, 11.25 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that Count Bernstorff has presented a formal Note stating that Germany is willing to consider the abandonment of the proposed attacks on British merchantmen if Britain will allow the passage of foodstuffs for civilians.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

A Dutch Note to Germany.

Feb. 16, 1.40 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at The Hague states that the Dutch Government has addressed a Note to Germany declaring that the grievances Germany has formulated in general terms against neutral countries are unfounded so far as the Netherlands is concerned and says that neutral vessels are entitled to demand a thorough examination as to their nationality.
The Dutch Government has also intimated to Great Britain its objection to the latter's attitude regarding the employment of neutral flags by merchantmen.

Good Artillery Work.

Feb. 16, 1.40 a.m.
Last evening's communique states that there have only been some successful actions by our artillery, an enemy battery at Poelcapelle, north-east of Ypres, being silenced, German trenches at Beaurains, south of Arras, being destroyed and enemy works and parties being effectively shelled in the vicinity of Soissons and Perthes.

Count Bernstorff Recalled.

Feb. 16, 5.55 a.m.
According to a message from Washington, Count Bernstorff's Note says that Germany's war zone proclamation is in retaliation for what he terms British violation of international law in attempting to starve the non-combatant population of Germany.
He says that the German Government is informed that British merchantmen have been armed and ordered to sail in groups with a view to trying to sink German submarines and there can be no question of searching such merchantmen, which are warships.
The Note urges neutral ships to go round Scotland outside the war zone, and it is announced that Germany intends to sow mines in the waters round the British Isles.
The Note concludes by pointing out that this is not a reply to the recent American Note, which will shortly be transmitted.
It is rumoured in Berlin that Count Bernstorff has been recalled, but it is unknown whether only temporarily or in disgrace.

Two New Squadrons in Battle Line.

Feb. 16, 5.55 a.m.
The Daily Chronicle deduces from Mr. Churchill's speech that two new squadrons of Royal Sovereigns and Queen Elizabeths, armed with fifteen-inch guns, are now in the battle line.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

Mr. Churchill's Glowing Speech.

Feb. 16, 9.50 p.m.

Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons to-night, in a speech introducing the Navy Estimates, laid emphasis upon the efficiency of the British Navy.

At the outbreak of war, Great Britain had a fleet, with a good margin of safety for vital matters, fully mobilised and equipped with every requirement—with reserves of ammunition and torpedoes far above the regular quantity, with ample supplies of fuel oil and adequate reserves of all kinds. The Navy had also adequate numbers of trained officers and men, adequate establishments for training new men, an immense programme of new construction maturing to reinforce the Fleet, and a pre-arranged system of accelerating new construction which had been found to yield even surprising results.

Particularly did he draw the attention of the House to the supply of ammunition. They got little credit for such expenditure in time of peace, but in time of war they had to thank God it had been made (cheers).

The estimate of the quantity of oil consumed in the war had proved much larger than the actual consumption. Also there had been no difficulty in buying practically any quantity of oil and not a single oil ship had been interfered with, while the price of oil was substantially below that when he last addressed the House.

There had been an idea that we might build ships but never man them. When, however, the mobilisation took place we manned every ship in the Navy fit for service, including old vessels for which we found usefulness and also powerful new ships built for foreign countries, besides several scores of armed merchantmen.

We also provided all the men for the necessary naval air service, which did not exist three years ago but was now becoming a considerable and formidable body (loud cheers). We have been able to keep the naval training school full to the brim, and thus to supply the drafts for the new vessels which were coming on in such great numbers. We had also to provide for the Royal Naval Division, which had now reached a respectable total and had developed such efficiency as enabled the men to be counted on immediately.

We had always relied on the Navy for our safety and the German army was not more ready for an offensive war on a gigantic scale than the British Fleet was for national defence (cheers).

Mr. Churchill referred to the victories at the Falkland Islands and the Dogger Bank. Both, he said, were satisfactory in themselves but were still more satisfactory in their significance and consequences.

The victory at the Falklands had terminated the first phase of the naval war by clearing the German flag from the oceans of the world. The blocking-in of enemy merchantmen, the reduction of Tsingtau, and the defeat of the Goeben and the Emden were steps along the path finally reached by Admiral Sturdee's victory.

Only two small German cruisers and two armed merchantmen remained at large of all Germany's formidable preparations for attack upon our trade routes, and these were at present in hiding. There had been about eight thousand British vessels continuously on the seas. During the last three months there had been 4,465 arrivals in and 3,800 sailings from the United Kingdom and only nineteen vessels had been sunk by above-water craft. That was a remarkable result, because during the two great wars begun in 1793 and ended in 1814 no fewer than 10,781 British merchantmen were captured or sunk by the enemy. Even at Trafalgar we lost five hundred ships a year. Our total loss in the first six months of the present war was only sixty-three. But we must keep watch against another attempt to harass the trade routes. Although the ocean offered rather bleak prospects to German cruisers, the truth was that steam and the telegraph enormously increased the thoroughness and efficiency of superior power.

Mr. Churchill dwelt upon the Admiralty's transport work, the moving of troops across the Channel—often at the shortest notice, threatened by the enemy's warships and in waters haunted by submarines—and the transport also from India, South Africa, Egypt, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, China, indeed from every position under the Crown, of approximately a million men without up to the present any accident or loss of life (cheers).

"If that is incapacity," he said, "I hope there will be an inexhaustible supply of it" (loud cheers).

So smoothly had this worked that sometimes it was necessary to remember that we were warring with the second naval power in the world and when complaints were made that we had taken too many transports or colliers that fact must not be forgotten.

The Admiralty had chartered about one-fifth of the British mercantile marine and with that were discharging all the duties of supplying, fuelling, replenishing the ammunition of the troops, transpiring reinforcements and bringing home the wounded.

Mr. Churchill pointed out: We are not living like the Germans in great naval ports like Wilhelmshaven, but have to be ready for any great emergency. There was no incapacity or inactivity on the part of the Admiralty (cheers). They had to take indispensable precautions to meet emergencies.

Turning to the Army, Mr. Churchill said: It should be remembered that we are supplying an across-the-sea army almost as large as the Grand Army of Napoleon, only vastly more complex in organisation and equipment. He never knew at what hour Earl Kitchener would ask the Admiralty to remove twenty thousand or forty thousand men at short notice. Plans were frequently changed at the last moment, owing to consideration for the safety of the troops and the reinforcement of our Armies. Everything was done throughout to avoid extravagance and the Admiralty welcomed the advice of business men whenever helpful.

Mr. Churchill was afraid he could not hold out hopes of an immediate reduction of the tonnage required by the Admiralty. He testified to the goodwill between the Admiralty and the mercantile marine, which, he said, was indispensable at the present time. Mr. Churchill affirmed that the strain of the earlier months of the war had been greatly diminished by the clearance of the enemy's flag from the seas. The victory of the Falklands was a memorable event, the advantage of which would only be appreciated by those who had a full knowledge of all that had taken place.

The combat of the Dogger Bank, in which the Blücher was sunk and the rest of the enemy escaped into waters infested by submarines and mines, was of the greatest advantage because of the light it threw upon the naval systems of design and relative armaments and gunnery efficiency. This was the first test we had had and it was most encouraging, as it vindicated our theories of design and particularly our big gun armament, always identified with Lord Fisher. The range of the British guns exceeded that of the Germans and our shooting was at least as good as theirs. It had been supposed the Germans possessed a sort of super-efficiency in gunnery, but there was a feeling now that our officers had been too diffident as to their professional skill in gunnery. Everything we have learnt leaves us no doubt of the wisdom and the excellence of our material. Our 13.5-in. gun is unequalled by any enemy weapon and we now have a fifteen-inch gun vastly more powerful.

Another remarkable feature of this action was that our ships exceeded their previous speed records. Nothing could show better the excellence of British machinery than the glorious feats of the engine-room branch, or the Admiralty system of repairs and refits all effected with ceaseless vigilance and without exhaustion (cheers).

H.M.S. Kent, a 23-knot vessel, for instance, in the Falklands fight steamed 25 knots and caught the Nuremberg and sank her (cheers). The truth was the navy was as sound as a bell (cheers) and it would be found good, fit, keen and honest. It would be found to be the product of good management and organisation, of sound principles in design and strategy, of sturdy workmen, faithful workmanship, careful clerks and accountants, skilful engineers, painstaking officers and hardy tars (cheers).

It showed all the world that there was no reason to assume that ship for ship and gun for gun, we could not give a good account of ourselves (cheers). It showed that at five to four in representative ships the Germans did not think it prudent to engage, that they accepted without hesitation their inferiority, that they thought only of flight. They were wise in the view they took: no endeavour to sink by official communiqués would obscure that cruel fact, but when, if ever, the two great fleets engage in general battle we hope to bring into line a preponderance not only of quality but of numbers which will not be five to four but something considerably greater. We might consider the extra margin an additional insurance against unexpected losses by mine or submarine.

Our naval losses have been 5,500 killed, mainly by submarine. We have killed, mainly by gunfire, an equal number (cheers), which, added Mr. Churchill, was a much larger proportion of the German losses engaged. We have also taken in sea-fighting 82 officers and 234 men as prisoners. No British naval prisoners have been taken in sea-fighting (cheers). For the loss of these precious British lives we have lived through six months of war safely, even prosperously, and established a command of the sea never before known.

Regarding the question of Courts-Martial and Courts of Enquiry, Mr. Churchill emphasised that the circumstances and conditions of modern naval warfare were entirely different to previous experiences. Mine and submarine created entirely novel conditions and presented to naval officers problems of incomparable hazard and difficulty. In these circumstances Courts-Martial would frequently be inappropriate and often even harmful (cheers). Consequently, he respectfully claimed on behalf of the Admiralty absolute discretionary power in regard to the summoning of Courts-Martial and Enquiries and asked the House for their confidence and support during the war thereafter (cheers). He would especially deprecate anything being done tending to make the officers float or at the Admiralty play for safety (cheers). "Our Navy keeps the sea, our ships are constantly moving, risks are run every day, valuable ships run risks every day; the enemy is constantly endeavouring to strike, accidents from time to time are unavoidable. How do you suppose that Admiral Beatty's squadron was where it was when the action took place? How many times were the cruiser and battle squadrons of the Grand Fleet steaming over the North Sea, always exposed to the risks of mine or torpedo, before they reaped their reward?" Indeed it was marvellous how few our losses had been (cheers), and the care and vigilance of the Admiralty staff and at the Admiralty would be regarded in history as praiseworthy in the highest degree.

The tasks that were lying ahead were anxious and grave. We were to be the objects of a kind of warfare never before practised by civilised states. The sinking at sight, without search or parley, of merchantmen by submarines was totally novel and unprecedented. It was a state of things that none contemplated before the war. It would have been universally reprobated and repudiated before the war (cheers), but it must not be supposed, because the attack was extraordinary, that a good defence cannot be made (cheers). Losses will no doubt be incurred, but he believed that no vital injury could be done if traders put to sea regularly and acted in the spirit of the gallant captain of the Luertes (cheers).

If they took proper precautions, the losses would be confined to manageable limits. Even at the outset, when the enemy might have been expected to make a greater effort to produce an impression, all the losses could be covered by Government insurance. Then the reply we should make would not perhaps be wholly ineffective, for Germany could not be allowed to adopt a system of open piracy and murder (prolonged cheers) while remaining herself protected by a bulwark of international instruments which she had utterly repudiated and defied and which we, much to our detriment, had respected.

There were good reasons for believing that the economic pressure of the British Navy was beginning to be felt in Germany (cheers). We had restricted imports of copper, petrol, rubber, nickel, manganese, antimony, etc., all needed for the efficient production of war material. The hatred and anger against Great Britain encouraged us to believe that the restriction is proving inconvenient (cheers) and we should redouble our efforts to make it so. Mr. Churchill then, amid loud and prolonged cheers, intimated that further action would be taken by the Allies to prevent the importation of food-stuffs into Germany.

In an eloquent peroration, Mr. Churchill considered that those bearing the stress and strain of war had the right to claim generous and indulgent judgment, the support of their fellow-countrymen and the goodwill of the House (cheers). No doubt new dangers and perplexities would arise yet, but they would not be more serious than those through which they had successfully made their way (cheers) and the British Navy with its sea power would unceasingly dominate

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TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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NEWS.

Farther Notes on the Crisis appear on page 4.

This morning's training times are given elsewhere.

Yesterday's interport golf at Fanning is reported in this issue.

General news and some interesting war articles appear on page 3.

A further instalment of the article on "Old Hongkong" appears on page 4.

The report of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co. appears to-day.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, Commercial News on page 9 and Log Book on page 6.

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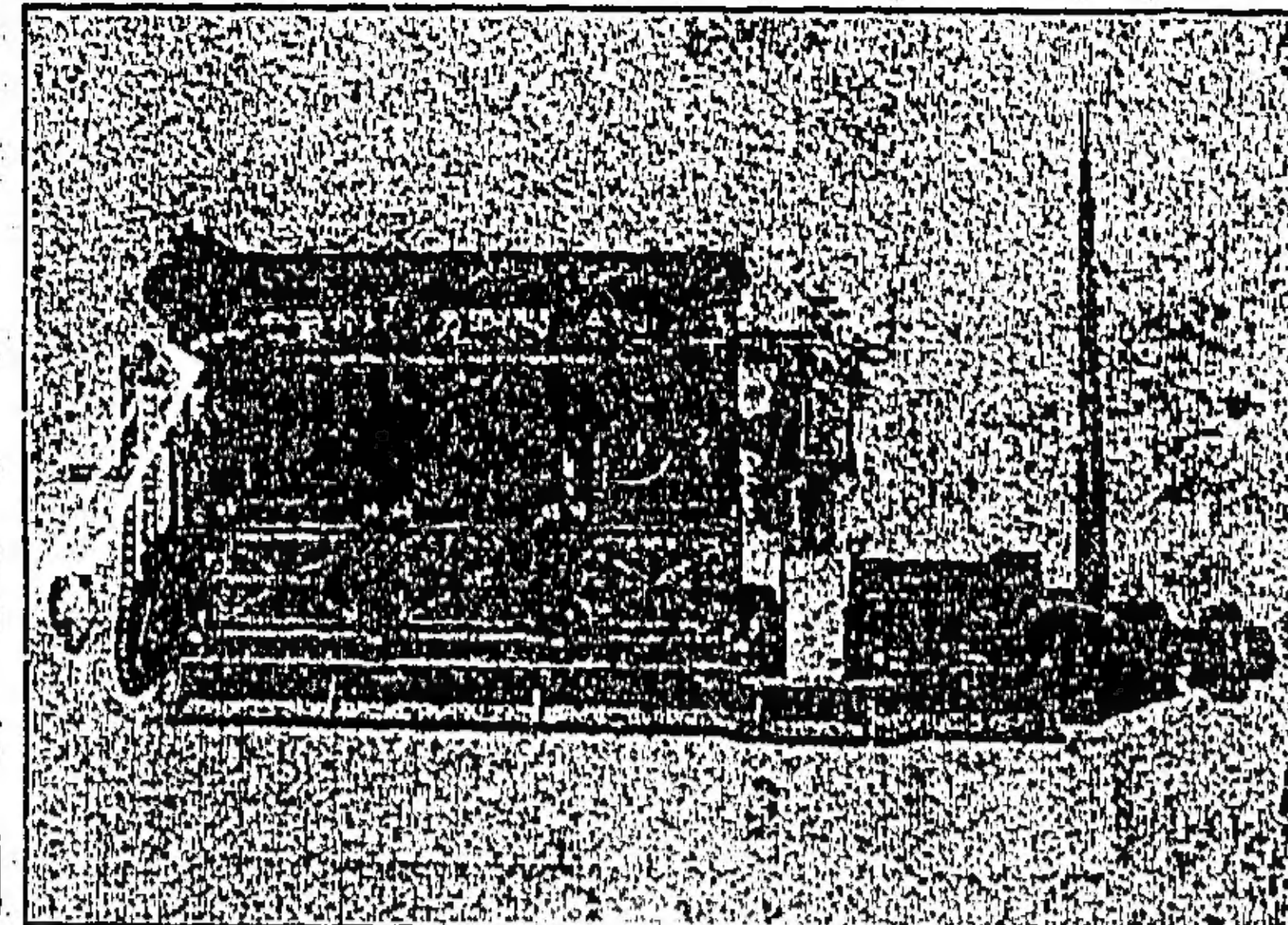
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The North Sea Battle.
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knowledge in Germany have per-
fectly clear and definite infor-
mation as to what happened but
how the man in the street in
Berlin can always be fooled is
beyond comprehension. Surely
they must by this time be well
schooled in the art of discounting
British arms. Surely they could
not expect to make dashes across
the North Sea, damage "fortified
places," and get back every time
unhurt. At the outset of the war
the Berlin Press made a statement
somewhat after this fashion:
"In view of the superiority of the
enemy's fleet which consists of
particularly big, fast and well-
armed ships there seems little
chance for our navy to take the
offensive." An eminently logical
people like the Germans should
follow an admission of this sort
to its legitimate conclusion and
admit that in the face of such
acknowledged superiority, they
got off cheap in the latest scrap.

Daily Press.

Patriotic Poetry.
Indeed, the production of litera-
ture in a time of great national
stress seems almost inhuman,
since it requires a detachment
from the present which might
indicate an unbearable amount of
callousness. A philosopher may
perhaps be allowed to sit
and dream during a
thirty years' war, but poetry
is not philosophy, however much
the latter be contained in the for-
mer, since life itself is more than
any philosophy of life. Even
those who have proved most skilful
in the art of war have proved
most indifferent poets when they
tried to woo the muse. Frederick
the Great spent a large part
of his time turning out some very
indifferent verses in French under
the correction of Voltaire, but it
is the greatness of the soldiers
which has alone prevented them
from passing into utter oblivion.
Wolfe would rather have written
Gray's "Elegy" than have won
the greatest victory imaginable,
but he confined his poetic fancy
to aspiration. If the "real thing"
seen at close quarters does not
give poetic inspiration we can
hardly blame our poets if no poem
of victory arises. We must leave
it to future ages to justify us and
assign the present to the poets.

China Mail.

Maintenance of British Aircraft
Supremacy.
There is much to be said at the
outset in favour of the exercise of
greater secrecy in the matter of
technical information. At present,
a great deal of work of an
important character is done at
the public expense which is of
the utmost value to the aeronauti-
cal constructor, and forthwith it
is given complete publicity; one
has only to glance through any
one of the annual reports of the
Advisory Committee to realise the
extent to which this is the case.
There is, it is true, also a great deal
of work which is not published,
being considered as of a confi-
dential character. The question
arises whether the main body of
the work, or at least, some of the
more important sections, should
not be held back, and treated as
confidential for a certain period,
possibly one complete year, in
order to give our own designers
a twelve months' lead. The
difficulties in the way of any such
scheme are firstly, that to be
effective, the first twelve months'
output of any new design would
require to be met as output from
the Government factory; the con-
ditions issued with designs and
specifications for tenders, though
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secrecy, can never be really
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GENERAL NEWS

Chinese on British Ships—

Another Protest.
Cardiff seamen on 11th ult. passed a resolution renewing their protest against the employment of Chinese on British ships. Mr. Henson, District Secretary of the Seamen's Union, produced evidence that Chinese were signed on at £3 15s against the rate of £6 2s.

Dredging at Moji.

On Christmas Day the dredging of sections 1 and 2 of Moji harbour was completed, there being now 27 feet of water there, sufficient to accommodate steamers up to 12,000 tons. If the work progresses at its present rate, says the *Kobe Yushin*, it will not be long before the whole harbour is ready for first-class shipping.

A Successful Penang Chinese Student.

News has been received from London to the effect that Mr. H. H. Ung, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ung Cheng-san, of Penang, has successfully passed his B.A. examination. Mr. H. H. Ung is studying Civil Engineering in University College, London.

Japan to Send an Embassy to the Vatican.

An interesting piece of intelligence comes from Rome to the effect that a religious order in the Italian capital having a branch in Tokyo has received information that the Japanese Government intends sending an Embassy Extraordinary to the Holy See to congratulate the Pope on his accession to the throne, and to establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

Tronoh Man Given a Commission.

Mr. J. H. Allan, of Tronoh Mines, who started for home by the steamer *Tronoh*, which was sunk by the *Endeavour*, has been given a Lieutenantcy with the 9th Lincolnshire Regiment, states the *Times of Malaya*. Mr. Oswald Haides, late of Ceylonese Estate and a son of the Colonial Chaplain, has been gazetted a Lieutenant in the 5th Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.—*Straits Times*.

Returning to China.

The late Chinese Minister Mr. Lew Yau-lin, accompanied by his daughters, left London on 9th ult. on his return to China. Among those at Liverpool-street Station to say good-bye were the new Chinese Minister and Madame Sze, with the personnel of the Legation, Sir John McLeary Brown, Sir Walter Hillier, Sir Walter Langley, Mr. Alston, Mrs. Alston, Mr. C. Peter Sandberg, Mr. P. K. Liang, Dr. A. W. Woo, Mr. A. M. Townsend, and many Chinese students.

Japanese Red Cross.

The Japan Society of New York on 12th ult. entertained at luncheon the members of the Japanese Red Cross who are coming to England to assist the British Society. The Japanese contingent is composed of two doctors, Surgeon Inspector Suzuki and Dr. T. Cahima, 22 nurses under Miss Yamamoto and Miss Kiyoko, and two clerks. The contingent is travelling by way of America, and left New York on 13th inst. Japan has also despatched similar contingents to Russia and France.

Kobe Harbour Works.

Of the total area of 68.25 acres, nearly 33 acres have now been reclaimed. An area of 114.7 acres of the sea floor has been dredged for the basins between the quays. The first and fourth of the four piers under construction are already in use, though not yet entirely completed. In the second pier the caissons have all been placed and a commencement made with the masonry work to be built thereon. The work of placing the caissons in the third pier is also more than half completed. Landing stages have been completed to a total length of 336 yards; roads to the extent of 626 yards, and a quarter of a mile of railway are also finished. Of the 59 cranes contemplated, only four have so far been erected, all on the western jetty. Work on the outer breakwater, forming the harbour limits, has been completed for 268 yards. The works have, on the whole, scarcely made as much progress as was anticipated, and it is to be feared that the new Ambassador to Italy, concerning the exchange of prisoners carried out will to some extent postpone the date of completion. Cardinal Mercier are denied.

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CIVILIANS IN WAR TIME.

Text of Lord Parmoor's Bill.

Lord Parmoor's Bill to amend the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, introduced into the House of Lords, is now printed. The preamble describes the object of the Bill to be "to extend the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, and to restore to civilians their right to be tried in the ordinary civil courts."

These objects are set out in the opening clause as follows:—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, or any Act incorporating, amending, or repealing that Act, or any regulations made thereunder, no person not at the time of the alleged offence subject to military law within the meaning of the Army Act, 1881, who has committed, or is alleged to have committed, any offence which is punishable by the law of England, and is within the jurisdiction of the criminal courts, shall be liable to be tried for such offence under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, or any Act incorporating, amending, or repealing that Act, or any regulations made thereunder.

Lord Parmoor is the well-known King's counsel who sat so long in the House of Commons as Sir Alfred Cripps.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S CASE.

The German Explanation to the Vatican.

Rome, January 8.

The German Government has given the Vatican an explanation of its treatment of Cardinal Mercier, in which it is declared that there is absolutely no foundation for the assertion that he was ever arrested or even confined to his own palace or prevented from leaving it. The communication adds that the German authorities "entrusted with the most delicate and difficult task of maintaining order and convincing a hostile population of their sincere desire for their good," simply addressed to Cardinal Mercier a most deferential request that he should abstain from any attitude which, by compromising the accomplishment of their duty, would ultimately involve serious risk of harm to the population itself.

In taking this course, the explanation proceeds, the German authorities intended also to fulfil a Christian principle which must be especially dear to ministers of the Church—namely, to avoid the shedding of blood, since anything likely to lead even indirectly to agitation, risings, and tumults might render necessary severe measures on the part of their troops for the restoration of order. Reports circulated regarding an interview between Cardinal Gasparri and Prince von Bulow, the new Ambassador to Italy, concerning the exchange of prisoners carried out will to some extent postpone the date of completion. Cardinal Mercier are denied.

BRITISH LANDING FEARED.

Strong German Defences Prepared.

A correspondent, writing from the Dutch frontier, describes in the *Times* the elaborate preparations made by the Germans at Zebrugge and the North Belgian coast in anticipation of a possible British landing. The defences comprise, in the first place, the harbour mole at Zebrugge, about 2,275 yards long, at the end of which stand eight guns, muzzles pointed seawards. Immediately north-east along the coast there follow the locks, the fishermen's harbour, and the mouths of the canals—Schiploek's Canal and Leopold's Canal. This place is called Sas van Heyst. Guns are also mounted here, trained on Zebrugge and the entrance to the harbour. Along Zebrugge Dike there is a row of empty houses. The windows are blocked up with sacks, and behind them are machine-guns.

Guns on Tennis Court.

East of Heyst there is a tennis-court, built of concrete, with two guns of 28-cm. mounted on it. One gun is pointed seawards and one to the south-east, towards the Dutch frontier. These guns are protected against bombardment from above.

The force occupying Zebrugge—Heyst—Knocke amounts altogether to about 5,000 men—marines, infantry, and Death's Head Hussars. The force at Knocke alone numbers about 1,000 men.

At Knocke there is no heavy artillery, but there are about ten machine-guns. It is evident, therefore, it is on Zebrugge that the defence is particularly concentrated. Other measures are adopted for the Dutch frontier. The Germans have blown up most of the bridges of the Leopold's Canal, which runs parallel with the Dutch frontier.

Trenches have also been made in all directions, and there is a defence line along the Netherlands frontier to meet any attack from the Scheldt.

National Relief Fund.

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

BIRTH.

BEVAN.—On the 12th February, at Perth, W. A., to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bevan a daughter (premature).

DEATH.

BEVAN.—On the 14th February, at Perth, W. A., Mabel, the dearly beloved wife of W. S. Bevan, E. E. Telegraph Co., deeply regretted. Manila and Singapore papers please copy.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1915.

THE U.S. SHIPPING PROBLEM.

It is an anomaly which has been frequently commented upon that, in spite of the fact that she has enormous stretches of coastline and that she claims a big share of the world's trade, America possesses so small a mercantile marine that it is, to all intents and purposes, of no account whatever. This fact is all the more striking when it is borne in mind that commercially and industrially the nation is keen, alert and enterprising to a degree such as few other countries are. The zeal and energy of her business men have not, however, spread into shipping circles. That point is being brought forcibly home just now, and, just as Britain sees the opportunity which the war is providing for new openings in world trade, so in the United States a strong movement has been set on foot to profit by the disappearance of German shipping and make a beginning with the building up of an American mercantile fleet.

The recent introduction into the Senate of the Ship Purchase Bill was part and parcel of this movement, for we note that it has been officially described as a measure to meet "a critical emergency." In the course of the discussions on this Bill, it was objected in some quarters that the necessary ships could not be purchased, but the spokesman for the Administration, Mr. McAdoo, has replied to this point by remarking that they could be built, and that the Shipping Board would "give large orders" to the shipyards to "encourage" them. The problem, however, is one which is not by any means easy of solution. It is admitted that it is an emergency which has to be met, and, that being the case, swift action is called for. Mr. McAdoo's plan, however, involves considerable delay. To pass the Bill to organise the shipping corporation, to find the people who will take up the stock which the Government will not subscribe for—49 per cent., apparently—to decide on the type of vessels to be constructed, and then to get them built, would mean the lapse of a very considerable period. It would very probably be eighteen months or two years before the new Government ships would be at the service of American exporters. But by that time who can say that the added ships would be needed? The "emergency" might then have disappeared entirely.

The difficulties in the way are added to, also, by political factors, the chief of these being the danger of creating international friction if purchase of German vessels is contemplated, for, however fair and square America may desire to act on the matter, the problem bristles with thorny points. So it will be seen that it is a hard matter for America to make up leeway. And she will probably see before very long that it is of little use to apply jerky and impetuous methods to conditions which require long and careful study and sustained effort.

Managing the Filipinos.

A San Francisco paper credits Mr. N. W. Gilbert (whom many Hongkong people remember as Vice-Governor of the Philippines) with some shrewd remarks on the discontent evinced from time to time by the natives of the Islands. "The gentlemen in charge there," he says, "are excellent men, who unfortunately, when appointed to their positions, were utterly ignorant of the situation."

To retain the responsibility of government without exercising the power, can lead to nothing but disaster. This comes from a man who knows far more about the requirements and peculiarities of the Far East than President Wilson's Government will ever know. To our way of thinking, Mr. Gilbert hits the nail full and squarely, particularly in his observation as to responsibility and power. Men like himself, or like ex-Governor Forbes, know well that, if a nation is to be a successful coloniser, it must be prepared to creep and not to rush. The unfortunate Filipinos were beginning—just beginning—to realise that their best policy was to bow to a kindly firmness when, by a change of Administration at Washington, all the firmness was removed, leaving nothing but the kindness. We believe that every American who knows the Orient will agree that a policy of sentimentalism, shilly-shallying and half-and-halfness can bring nothing but trouble in the Islands, both to rulers and to ruled.

H. G. Wells and "G.B.S."

It is always diverting to watch the breaking away of disciple from teacher. H. G. Wells has been expressing his opinion of Mr. Shaw, and those who remember the days when Wells was a loving pupil of G.B.S., and the curly-headed boy of the older Fabians, will read with some enjoyment his summing up of his old master. Says Mr. Wells:—"He is an activity, with a restless passion for attention. Behind that is a kind of jadedness, a board of other people's notions. There is much from Samuel Butler, scraps of pseudo-philosophical phraseology from the old Hammersmith economists, worn fragments of Herbert Spencer, some Nietzsche, shreds of theosophy and current superstitions, cotton-sweepings of all sorts and some advanced rubbish. It is just this incoherent emptiness, combined with an amazing knack of fluent incoherence, which gives him his advantage in an irresponsible attack."

A Clear Delineation.

And so on. Readers who have followed Mr. Shaw—not in his play-writing moods so much as when he is bent on "philosophical," sociological or political argument—will feel that, if his former disciple has been a little unmerciful and "brutally frank," he has at least not strayed so very far from the truth in his delineation of this extraordinary character. The hardest thing, surely, for a man to bear, who plumes himself on his originality, is the charge of cribbing; and this is not the first time, either, that such a disaster has fallen to the lot of G.B.S. If we remember rightly, the *Daily Telegraph's* dramatic critic once ventured so far as to question the originality of some of the ideas in a Shavian play; but that is neither here nor there. It has often seemed to us that if Mr. Shaw could or would write an absolutely candid autobiography, it would have to contain the admission that his thought-life, instead of having any continuity about it, has been a succession of jumps and patches; so that to-day his brain must be dangerously near to being one grand muddle, as described above. If he were capable of detachment (but we fear he is too set and old now) and could rivet his mind for seven consecutive days on one theme alone—be it politics, the drama or no matter what, we believe that he has it in him to leave behind greater work than Wells can ever hope to do. But unhappily it is far more likely that his brain will remain a jumble-sal to the end, and that, in fifty years' time, his name will be forgotten—which, having regard to the underlying power that is the man, seems somewhat of a tragedy.

DAY BY DAY.

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WAS BORN A TWIN.—Byron.

The Weather.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 50; overcast.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 51; slight rain.

Count the Columns.

Yesterday the *Telegraph* published 33 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 33 published.

The Mails.

American and Siberian Mails—Closed per s.s. Mongolia to-day at noon.
Siberian Mail—Closes per s.s. Yingchow to-morrow at 3 p.m.

Up to the Minute—Share

Market News.

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The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 93.16d.

Returned.

Mr. Henry Humphreys returned yesterday by the *Shinyo Maru*.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang was among the passengers arriving by the *Shinyo Maru* yesterday.

Macao Excursion.

On Sunday next the s.s. *Tai-shan* makes an excursion run to Macao, returning from the Portuguese Colony at 2 p.m.

Overcoat Stolen.

Mr. A. A. Claxton, of 3, Duddell Street, has complained to the police that some person stole an overcoat belonging to him, valued at \$55, from the annex of the Hongkong Club.

Pointsman Assaulted.

Mr. Hawlett, of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, has reported to the police that a pointsman engaged on the railway has been assaulted, receiving injuries which necessitated medical treatment. An arrest in connection with the matter has been made.

Serious Robbery.

A case of alleged robbery with violence has been reported from Kak Hang village. According to the statement of a fisherman living there, three men entered his house early in the morning and assaulted himself and his nephew. They went away, but two hours later returned, and, after beating the complainant's wife with pieces of wood, stole twenty dollars in subsidiary coin. Three arrests have been made.

Victoria Theatre.

The Victoria Theatre has a remarkable film showing this week: "The Pride of the Circus," which depicts unfaked wonders without end. The McClements finished their engagement last night, and we understand that the next artistes expected are the celebrated Russian Lilliputian Troupe, who are due to arrive in the Colony soon. The Victoria has, we are informed, secured, from March 1, the sole rights in the Colony for Messrs. Pathe's pictures.

A Coming Lecture.

An invitation is extended to those of our readers who are interested in scientific experiments to attend a lecture at the Hongkong University on Tuesday next, February 23, when Prof. A. G. Warren, B.Sc., will demonstrate and explain various phenomena concerning "Colours." Ladies should be especially interested in the experiments, which show how two colours, when combined, form a third and also how white is a combination of various colours. The lecture will commence at 8.30 p.m. and is to be given in the great hall.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

TWO GREAT SPEECHES.

How We Are Dealing with Extraordinary Conditions.

Britishers and the Allies generally will assuredly find much food for comfort and assurance in the great speeches delivered in the House of Commons by Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George. The one shows to what a high state of efficiency our Navy has attained and reveals the magnificent work it has done and is doing, while the other indicates the wonderful manner in which the Allies are co-operating so far as financial and other matters are concerned. In this hour of stress and trial—the most critical through which the respective nations have been called to pass—we find each and all dovetailing their schemes for the successful pursuit of the war in such a way that there shall be no waste or overlapping and that the maximum results shall be secured from the fusion of their resources. Of narrow-mindedness, jealousy or misunderstanding there is none—all are united in a common cause which makes its appeal as much to one nation as to another. That is the spirit which is to win the war for the Allies.

Hope for the Future.

The statement made by Mr. Churchill is full of fact and figure, praising the work so far accomplished by our great and virile Fleet and providing ground for much hope in the future. For one fact stands out above all others—namely, that our naval strength is growing rather than diminishing; hence it may be assumed that the record of the past six months will be more than maintained. To put it in another way, the task which lies before us on the seas is not nearly so great as it was when war first broke out, whereas we are now in a better position than ever we have been to meet all demands that are made upon us. It is true that there are new phases of enemy activity to be encountered which will call for great vigilance on the part of our Navy—methods of warfare which, as Mr. Churchill says, would have been universally repudiated and repudiated before the war. But one cannot help noticing the under-current of confidence which characterises Mr. Churchill's declarations on this aspect of the crisis.

Our Adaptability.

The First Lord of the Admiralty makes a good point when he says it must not be supposed that because the attack is extraordinary a good defence cannot be made. Our Navy has shown that, above all else, it can adapt itself to conditions, and we have already been given a very good idea of the way in which we intend to apply extraordinary remedies to extraordinary problems. In the first place, our Navy is being entrusted with the work of seeing to it that our enemies shall not enjoy the uninterrupted supply of foodstuffs from neutral vessels which they have in the past. And the restrictions which we are thus imposing are already being keenly felt in Germany, witness the anger and hatred displayed towards us and the frantic steps which are being taken to endeavour to stir up bad blood between us and certain neutral nations. Then, too, the recent attack by our seaplanes and airships on the enemy's submarine bases along the Belgian coast shows that we do not intend allowing the enemy to have matters all his own way. Look at matters as we may, there is every reason why we should contemplate the future with high hope and confidence.

Japanese Official in London.

Mr. Okabe, Secretary of the Japanese Embassy, and Mme. Okabe, the son-in-law and daughter of Baron Kato, formerly Japanese Ambassador in London, have returned to town from Bournemouth, where they spent the Christmas and New Year vacation.

OLD HONGKONG.

Land Tenure and Overcrowding.

(Continued from Saturday)

It was in 1886 that the start was given to the scheme which eventually saw the harbour front improved to its present condition. It started with the appointment of a Commission to enquire into and report upon the system of leasing or otherwise disposing of Crown lands, and upon means that could be adopted to check overcrowding in more thickly populated parts of the City. There is much of irony in the statement of the third task of the Commission, for, if it did discuss means of stopping overcrowding, the flower of its brains was "born to blush unseen," for if anything was done towards the prevention of congestion in some of the portions of the City which are notorious for overcrowding, the reform was as transient as many another that has been evolved on this island. The following year the Commission presented a report and gave a most elaborate account of land tenure in the Colony. To meet the burning question of the day, it was suggested to increase the amount of land at the disposal of the Crown by reclamations along the Kwa and by the removal of the Military and Naval establishments and certain public buildings from the centre of the town. The reclamation is now an accomplished fact. A large area of land was opened for disposal, and some fine buildings have been erected on it, but whether overcrowding has been relieved by this means is a question for which there is only one answer, and that in the negative. However, the appearance of the city has somewhat improved since the land Commission suggested the provision of a doorstep for the Colony.

"Squeeze."

It is to be supposed that if all the wrong-doing that took place in Hongkong were disclosed it would make interesting if unpleasant reading. Hongkong at one time was notorious for "graft," and in 1886 a systematised extortion from gambling joints was unearthed. The active loking during his periods on duty, when propping up the street corner and dozing the hours away, conceived the opening up of fruitful ground for squeeze, and the gambling brotherhood became the object of much cultural attention. It became over-cultivated, when fifty-three lunkongs had raised the brotherhood to the elevation of a weekly pay-day, and one of them, who found the burden more than he could bear, reported to the Police, and, as a result, the force was purged of over fifty men who had reduced squeeze to a finer art than is usual with the Chinese.

Not Enough Pork.

Talking of the Police, leads our thoughts again to the goal. It would have done the heart of Charles Lamb good to have been alive in Hongkong at times. There were, and are, subjects that can only be dealt with by such a pen as his, and one chuckles at the imagination of Charles Lamb dealing with a strike in Hongkong Prison because there had been a decrease in the ration of pork. That the convicts ever received pork seems strange enough in all conscience, but that it should ever have been large enough to have called for a decrease throws an interesting light on the benefits accorded criminals in Hongkong. It is possible, though it does not appear to have been officially noted, that the decrease in crime corresponded with the decrease in the ration of pork, though the immediate effect of the latter was the administration of flogging with the rattan for some fifty-four prisoners.

(To be continued).

Ju-Jitsu in London.

A meeting to inaugurate a Ju-Jitsu Corps, to be affiliated to the Central Association of the Volunteer Training Corps, was held at Swiss House, E.O., on January 9. Lord Desborough, president of the Central Association, wrote and apologised for his absence. A number of letters from men desirous of joining the organisation were read, and ultimately the meeting was adjourned.

TRAINING NOTES.

This Morning's Gallops.

The rain literally poured down at 4.30 this morning, and though for nearly an hour after daylight it cleared (if it returned again just when many gallops were expected. At first the going was good, but later in the morning the turf was more holding.

The times recorded were:—

Canadian Chief (Moller) 3/4m.
37.1-11, 1-42.2/5.
Gamerster (Ezra) 1.1/4m. 34.
1-08, 1-43, 2-17 2/5, 2-50 2/5.
Ideal Dahlia (Boy) 1m. 37.
1-14 1/5, 1-49 2/5, 2-22 1/5.
Mascotte (Boy) 1 1/4m. 34, 1-08,
1-44, 2-10 4/5, 2-50 4/5.
Amphfield (Johnstone) 1 1/4m.
44 4/5, 1-25, 2-08 2/5, 2-44 4/5,
3-17.
Aldwych (Vida) 1m. 35.2/5,
1-10 4/5, 1-44, 2-14 1/5.
Moffat (Boy) 1m. 41, 1-20 4/5,
1-59 1/5, 2-32.
Perhaps (Ezra) 1.1/4m. 40.
1-13 1/5, 1-48 3/5, 2-24 1/5,
3-32 2/5.
Wild Cat, (Boy) 1 1/4m. 40,
1-13 2/5, 1-48 3/5, 2-34 1/5,
3-33 3/5.
President (Boy) 1m. 40, 1-19-
2/5, 1-55 3/5, 2-27.
Majestic Dahlia (Burkill) 1m.
36.1/5, 1-12 2/5, 1-48 4/5, 2-16 3/5.
Loch Mab-n (Johnstone) 1m.
42, 1-22 2/5, 2-00 4/5, 2-38,
3-10.
Sir Galahad (Knoll) 1m. 35,
1-09 2/5, 1-44 1/5, 2-10 2/5.
Sunstar Dahlia (Vida) 1m. 36,
1-09 3/5, 1-42 3/5, 2-13.
Tailor 1 1/4m. 35, 1-10 4/5.
Flame Dahlia (Boy) 1m. 36.3/5,
1-13, 1-48 1/5, 2-22 1/5.
Scottish Chief (Moller) 1m.
39 4/5, 1-15 3/5, 1-50, 2-22.
Neptune 1m. —, —, 34,
1-08 4/5.
Byard (Heard) 1m. 38.2/5,
1-17 3/5, 1-53 1/5, 2-25 4/5.
Dreadnought Dahlia (Burkill),
1m. 36.1/5, 1-10 2/5, 1-44, 2-16.
Coronet (Boy) 1m. 35.3/5,
1-10, 1-48, 2-18 4/5.
English Chief (Boy) 1m. 37,
1-15 1/5, 1-49, 2-20.
Annan (Johnstone), 1 1/4m. 42,
1-21, 1-59, 2-34 4/5, 3-05 1/5.
Ploughboy (Boy) 1m. —, 40,
1-17 2/5, 1-50.
Sr. Calidore (Knoll) 1 1/4m.
39 4/5, 1-14 2/5, 1-48 1/5, 2-22 4/5,
2-55 1/5.
Mad Eve (Boy) 1m. 37, —,
1-51, 2-27.
Triumph Dahlia (Vida) 1m.
34.2/5, 1-08 2/5, 1-41, 2-12 4/5.
Perfection Dahlia (Burkill)
1.1/2m. 38.3/5, 1-14 4/5, 1-49,
2-24 1/5, 2-57 1/5, 3-30 1/5.
Whamphray (Johnstone) 1m.
40, 1-17, 1-52, 2-24.
Sailor joined above for last half.
Black Jem (Knoll) 1m. 37,
1-14 2/5, 1-52 1/5, 2-25.
Tinker 3/4m. 35, 1-09 2/5,
1-42 3/5.
Irish Chief (Moller) 1m. 36.3/5,
1-13 2/5, 1-50 1/5, 2-21.
Saxon Chief (Boy) 1m. 36.3/5,
1-13 2/5, 1-50 1/5, 2-21.
Welsh Chief (Boy) 3/4m. 36.3/5,
1-11 2/5, 1-43 2/5.
Duke Dahlia (Vida) 1m. 36.4/5,
1-11 3/5, 1-46 1/5, 2-18 3/5.
Beastock (Johnstone) 1m. 38,
1-15, 1-51, 2-25.
Liberty Dahlia (Burkill) 1m.
35.1/5, 1-11, 1-45 2/5, 2-16 3/5.

FOR BELGIAN REFUGEES.

Another Successful Concert at the Italian Convent.

A second concert in aid of the Belgian refugees was given yesterday evening at the Italian Convent. There was a large attendance and all present expressed their appreciation of the splendid efforts of those who took part. As on Monday, the Children's Band proved an exceedingly popular number. Every item on the lengthy programme appealed to the audience, and one is bound to feel that the very greatest credit is due to the performers and to those who organised so entirely successful an affair. The names of those who took part were published in our Extra of yesterday.

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British Seize U.S. Cotton Ship.
Wa-hung on January 6.—The Sate D portment was jarrd this afternoon when it was informed that a British cruiser has seized and taken into Kirkwall, Scotland, the American ship Denver, of the Mail ry line, loaded only with American cotton and bound from Norfolk for the German port of Bremen. The shock was unusually severe for the reason that recently France and England have both declared their intentions not to interfere with cotton. For this reason and because it is alleged that the integrity and honesty of the cargo was certified to by a British consular agent at Norfolk, Mr. Pike was cabled to night to demand the release of the vessel. Officials say that the Denver is "suspected of hiding copper in the cotton."

How The British Navy Keeps The Seas Clear.
The British Board of Trade has issued a table showing how effectively the navy has swept German merchant shipping from the seas and has held the seas secure for British shipping. The total number of British and German steamships of over 100 tons gross are: British 1,012, with a gross tonnage of 20,523,708 tons; German 2,000 ships, of a gross tonnage of 5,134,720 tons. Of these vessels there are unavailable for various causes: British—Captured 49, detained in German ports 76, held up in Baltic and Black Sea 71, total 195 with gross tonnage 585,551 tons, or 1.9 per cent of the total number of steamships, and 2.9 per cent of the gross tonnage; German—Captured 80, detained in British or allied ports 160, seeking refuge in neutral ports 640, in German ports 29, total unavailable 1,221 vessels of a gross tonnage of 4,584,928 tons, or 58.4 per cent of the total number and 89.3 per cent of the gross tonnage. There is, plying, British shipping, 9,928 ships or 98.1 per cent of the total number, with a gross tonnage of 20,122, 75 tons, or 97.1 per cent of the gross tonnage. Flying or not accounted for, German ships known to be at sea 10, ships of over 500 tons accounted for 125, steam trawlers not accounted for 353, small coasters not accounted for 381, total 869 or 41.9 per cent, with a gross tonnage of 549,794 tons, or 10.7 per cent.—Exchange.

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The marked increase in the foreign trade of Kobe last year naturally led to great activity in shipping, and 2,713 vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 7,025,281 tons, called at the port on foreign trade, an increase of 196 vessels and 811,137 tons over the preceding year. British shipping increased by 21 in number and 157,279 in tonnage, the total number of British vessels (entering being 605 with an aggregate tonnage of 2,128,416 tons. Freight to India were again kept at a low rate by keen competition between the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the British India Steam Navigation Company, but as a whole freight rates remained high until towards the end of the year, when a slight downward tendency became perceptible. There was a still further advance in the cost of tonnage, and a large number of foreign vessels were said at Kobe to Japanese buyers during the year. As in 1912, however, the majority of vessels purchased were registered at Dairen in order to avoid the high duty of 15 yen per ton levied in Japan, and although 32 British vessels were transferred to Japanese owners at this Consulate General, only 11 of these were passed through the customs at Kobe. It may be added that although a fair number of British vessels were sold at Kobe in the first half of 1914, the demand now seems to be nearing an end.

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HAIPHONG	Taksang	Sat., 20th Feb. at 10 a.m.
MANILA	Yuensang	Sat., 20th Feb. at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	Cheongsing	Sun., 21st Feb. at 4 light
SHANGHAI	Chongsang	Tue., 23rd Feb. at 4 light
S'PORE, Pang & Cebu	Fooksang	Tue., 23rd Feb. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Wed., 24th Feb. at noon
SINGAPORE & Penang	Onsang	Wed., 24th Feb. at 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Namsang	Thur., 25th Feb. at 4 light
S'PORE, Pang & Cebu	Lalsang	Sat., 27th Feb. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Sat., 27th Feb. at 3 p.m.
YHAMA, Kobe & Moji	Kulsang	Wed., 3rd Mar. at noon

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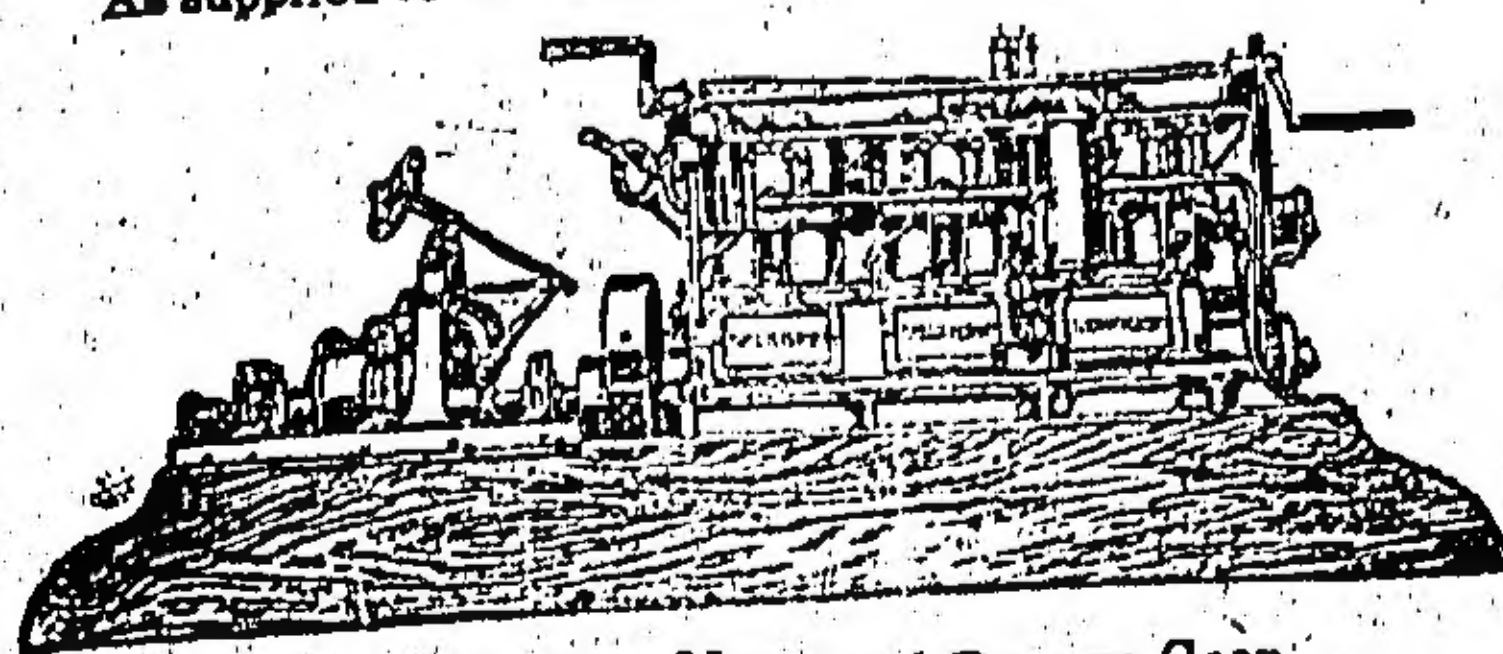
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M's, L'don via S'pore etc.	Mishima M.	N. Y. K.	31, Mar.
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V'toria, B.C., & S'ha via S'hai &c.	Y'hama M.	N. Y. K.	23, Feb.
Vancouver via S'hai & Japan &c.	Monteagle	C. P. R.	24, Feb.
New York via Panama	Royal P.	B. L. L.	24, Feb.
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Teau, Br. s.s. 1,150, H. Walker	12th inst.—Manila, 8th inst. Gen.—B. & S.
Seattle Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,333, Suitow	12th inst.—Manila, 8th inst. Gen.—O. S. K.
Mongolia, Am. s.s. 8,750, E. R. Master	12th inst.—San Francisco, Gen.—P. M. Co.
Eourin, Br. s.s. 3,979, H. Jackson	22nd inst.—Chinkiang, 5th inst. Ballast —A. P. Co.
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Hongkong, 9th February, 1915.

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" Corned, — Ham Ngau Yuk	"	21
" Roast, — Shiu	"	19
" Breast, — Ngau Lam	"	19
" Soup, — Tong Yuk	"	10
" Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	"	22
" do., — Sirloin, — Ngau Lau	"	33
" Sausages, — Ngau Cheung	"	28
Bullock's Brains, — No.	per set	12
" Tongue, fresh, — Ngau Li	each	50
" Corned, — Ham Ngau Li	"	80
" Head, — Ngau Tau	"	\$1.20
" Heart, — Ngau Sam	lb.	14
" Hump, Salt, — Ngau Kin	"	22
" Feet, — Ngau Keuk	epoch	12
" Kidneys, — Ngau Yiu	"	12
" Tail, — Ngau Mei	"	20
" Liver, — Ngau Kon	lb.	13
" Tripe (undressed), — Ngau To	"	6
Calves' Head & Feet, — Ngau-tai-tan-keuk	set	\$1.20
Mutton Chop, — Young Pei Kwai	lb.	26
" Leg, — Young Pei	"	26
" Shoulder, — Young Shau	"	24
" Saddle	"	27
Pigs Chittlings, — Chu Chong	"	27
" Brains, — Chu No	per set	24
" Feet, — Chu Keuk	lb.	14
" Fry, — Chu Chup	"	16
" Head, — Chu Tau	"	16
" Heart, — Chu Sam	each	12
" Kidney, — Chu Yiu	"	18
" Liver, — Chu Kon	lb.	30
Pork Chop, — Chu Pei Kwai	"	26
" Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	"	—
" Leg, — Chu Pei	"	30
" Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau	"	20
Sheep's Head & Feet, — Young Tau Keuk	set	60
" Heart, — Young Sam	each	8
" Kidneys, — Young Yiu	"	12
" Liver, — Young Kon	lb.	27
Sucking Pigs, to order, — Chu Tsai	"	22
Suet, Beef, — Shang Ngau Yau	"	27
" Mutton, — Shang Young Yau	"	27
Veal, — Ngau Tsai Yuk	"	19
" Sausages, — Ngau Tsai Cheung	"	20
Lard, — Chu Yau	"	22

POULTRY.

Poultry	Unit	Price
Chicken, — Kai Tsai	lb.	30
Capon, Large, Small, — Sin Kai	"	30
Ducks, — Ap	"	24
" — Pan Kai	"	18
Eggs, Hen, — Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz.	24
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	lb.	34
" Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	"	28
Geese, — Ngo	"	24
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kap	each	30
" Hoibow, — Hoi How Pak Kap	"	25
Snipe, — Sha Tsui	each	23
Turkeys, Cook, — Fo Kai Kung	lb.	65
" Hen, — Na	"	45

FISH.

Fish	Unit	Price
Barbel, — Ka Yu	lb.	18
Bream, — Pin Yu	"	20
Canton Fresh Water Fish, — Hoi Sin Yu	"	17
Carp, — Li Yu	"	22
Catfish, — Chik Yu	"	15
Codfish, — Mun Yu	"	16
Crabs, — Hai	"	24
Cuttle Fish, — Muk Yu	"	18
Dab, — Sha Mang Yu	"	14
Dace, — Wong Mei Lap	"	15
Dog Fish, — Ti To Sha	"	12
Eels, Conger, — Hoi Man	"	13
" Fresh water, — Tam Sui Yu	"	20
Eels, Yellow, — Wong Sin	"	32
Erogs, — Tin Kai	"	35
Garoupa, — Shek Pan	"	45
Gudgeon, — Pak Kap Yu	"	18
Herrings, — Tao Pak	"	23
Halibut, — Cheung Kwan Kap	"	28
Labrus, — Wong Fa Yu	"	20
Loach, — Wu Yu	"	26
Lobsters, — Lung Ha	"	30
Mackerel, — Chi Yu	"	30
Monk Fish, — Mong Yu	"	32
Mullet, — Chai Yu	"	20
Oysters, — Shang Ho	"	24
Parrot Fish, — Kai Kung Yu	"	12
Perch, — Tan Lo	"	24
Pike, — Fa Pau Fong	"	18
Plaice, — Pan Yu	"	14
Pomfret, Black, — Hak Chong	"	28
Pomfret, White, — Pak Chong	"	32
Prawns, — Ming Ha	"	40
Ray, — Pai Pa Fha	"	12
Rock Fish, — Shek Kiu Kung	"	18
Roach, — Chun Yu	"	12
Salmon, — Ma Yan	"	35
Shark, — Sha Yu	"	8
Skate, — Po Yu	"	10
Shrimps, — Ha	"	24
Snapper, — Lap Yu	"	32
Soles, — Tat Sha Yu	"	32
Tench, — Wan Yu	"	20
Turbot, — Cho How Yu	"	20
Turtles, small, fresh water, — Keuk Yu	"	64

FRUITS.

Fruits	Unit	Price
Almonds, — Rang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California), — Kam Shan Ping Kho	"	18
" (Chefoo), — Tin Chan Ping Kho	"	—
" Small, — Hoi Tong	"	—
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, — San Shing Heng	lb.	—
" (brides), — San Heng Chiu	"	3
Chestnuts, Chinese, — Fong Lat	"	—

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Meat	Unit	Price
Carambola, — Yeung To	"	0
Coconuts, — Ye Tse	each	12
Grapes, — Po Tai Tsz	lb.	3
Lemons, China, — Ling Mung	"	6
" America, — Kam Shan Ling Mung	"	12
Lichees Dried, — Lai Chi, small Stone	"	30
" Fresh	"	—
Oranges, (Canton), — Shan-shang Tim Ohing	lb.	—
" Sweet	"	—
Pears, (American), — Kwa San Shoot Lay	"	—
" (Canton), — Cooke, — Sha Li	"	10
Peanuts, — Fa Shang	"	10
Persimmons Large, — Hung Tsz	"	8
Pine-apples, 1st quality, — Pun Ti Po Lo	each	—
" 2nd, — Chung-tang Po Lo	"	—
Plantain, — Tai Chiu	lb.	3
Plums, — Swatow, Hung Lai	"	—
Pumelo, Siam, — Chin Lo Yau	each	15
" Shanghai, — Lo Kwai	"	—
Walnuts, — Hop To	lb.	15
" Green, — Sang Hop Tuo	"	—
Water Melon, — (Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each	—

VEGETABLES, &c.

Vegetables	Unit	Price
Artichokes, Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Ah Ohi	lb.	—
Cheuk	"	—
Beans, (French), Macao, — Oh Moou Pin Tau	"	—
" (French) Shanghai, — Sheung Hai Pin	"	—
" Sprout, — Ah Chai	"	8
" Long, — Tau Kok	"	10
Best Root, — Hung Choi Tau	each	8
Bitter Squash, — Fu Kwa	"	8
Brinjals, Green, — Ching Yuan Kwa	"	8
" Red, — Hung Ke	"	6
Cabbage, Chinese, (common), — Kai Tsai	"	10
Cabbage, Shanghai, — Ye Tsai	"	14
Cane Shoots, bunch, — Kan Shun	lb.	8
Carrots, — Kam Shan	"	12
Celery, Chinese, — Tong Kan Tsai	"	12
Chillies Dried, — Kon Lap Chiu	"	30
" Red, — Hung Fa Chiu	"	18
" Green, — Ching Lap Chiu	"	12
Curry Stuff, English, — Kai Li Chu Liu	"	10
Cucumbers, — Ching Kwa	each	2
Garlic, — Sun Tau	lb.	6
Ginger, young, — Sun Tse Keung	"	6
" old, — Lo Keung	"	8
Horse Radish, Shanghai, — Lik Kan	"	15
Indian Corn, — Suk Mai	each	5
Lettuce, — Yeung Shang Tsai	"	1
Water Chestnuts, — Ma Tai	lb.	6
" Mandarin, — Kwai Lam Ma Tai	"	8
Mushrooms, Fresh, — Shang Cho Ko	"	35
Musk Melon, Amer., — Kam-san Hong Kwa	each	—
Okra, — Hoi	lb.	12
Onions Bombay, — Yeung Chong Tau	"	8
" Green, — Shang Chong	"	8
" Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Chong Tau	"	6
Paraley, — Kan Tsi	"	8
Green Peas, — Ching Tau	lb.	8
Potatoes, Sweet, — Fan Shu	"	3
" Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Shu Tsz	"	—
" Japan, — Yut Pun Shu Tsz	"	3
" American, — Fa Ki Shu Tsz	"	8
" Foochow, — Foo-chow Shu Tsz	"	—
Pumpkin, — Tong Kwa	"	3
Radish, — Hung Lo Pak Tsai	"	5
Rhubarb (Fresh), — Tai Wong	"	12
Sage, — Tse So	"	—
Shallots, — Kon Chung Tau	"	8
Spinach, — Yin Tsai	"	5
Tomatoes, — Hoi Ke	"	8
Taro, — Wu Tau	"	5
" Turnip, — Fanti, (Long), — Lo Pak	"	5
" English, — Yeung Lo Pak	"	—
Vegetable Marrow, — Chit Kwa	"	4
" (American), — Kam Shan Chiu	"	—
Water Cress, — Sai Yeung Tsai	"	15
" Lily root, — Lin Ngau	"	6
Yams, — Ta Shu	"	8
" English, — Yeung Kan Choi	"	—

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